GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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FOODGRAIN ALLOCATION UNDER PDS ANTYODAYA YOJANA
CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH;DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;KUMUDINI PATNAIK

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Government regarding allotment of foodgrains to the States;

(b) whether the Union Government have recently decided to increase the allocation offoodgrains for Public Distribution System and also for the Antyodaya Yojana; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): The allocation of foodgrains for families below the poverty line (BPL) under the Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is made on the basis of the poverty estimates ofthe Planning Commission based on the methodology of the Expert Group on `estimation of proportion and number of poor` and taking into account the population projections of the Registrar General as on 1.3.2000. The allocation of foodgrains for APL families in a State/UT was fixed on thebasis of the average annual lifting of foodgrains during the past 10 years minus the allocation for BPL families at the time of introduction of TPDS.

Allocation of foodgrains (rice and wheat) to the BPL families which was initially 10 kg per family per month was doubled to 20 kg per family per month w.e.f. 1.4.2000 and was increased to 25 kg per family per month w.e.f. 12.7.2001. Antyodaya Anna Yojana announced by the Prime Minister on 25.12.2001, envisages allocation of 25 kg of foodgrains per family per month at a rate of Rs.2 a kg for wheat and Rs.3 a kg for ric to the identified beneficiaries. Allocation of foodgrains has been increased to 35 kg per family per month in respect of BPL and Antyodaya families w.e.f. 1.4.2002 for a period of one year. Scale of issue for APL families has been fixed at 35 kg per family per month for a period of one year w.e.f. 1.4.2002.